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confirming healthcare treatment for gender dysphoria violated their Equal Protection Rights under the federal Constitution, Title IX of the of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. *Id.* at ¶¶ 124-57.

5. Plaintiffs and the University Defendants have since entered into a settlement agreement, and upon the parties' request, the Court dismissed with prejudice Plaintiffs' claims against the University Defendants. ECF-110 and -112.

6. With permission of the Court, Plaintiffs filed their Amended Complaint on March 9, 2021, adding Plaintiff Caraway as a plaintiff and NCDPS as a defendant. ECF-75.

7. NCDPS filed an answer on April 16, 2021. ECF-96.

8. The parties completed discovery in October 2021.

9. NCDPS filed its dispositive motion on November 30, 2021. ECF-132.

10. Plaintiff Caraway filed a Response to NCDPS's dispositive motion on December 30, 2021, ECF-187, making NCDPS's Reply thereto due January 13, 2022.

11. Plaintiff Caraway also filed a dispositive motion on December 20, 2021, ECF-178, making NCDPS's Response thereto due January 19, 2022.

12. Accordingly, in the interests of judicial economy, NCDPS seeks a six-day extension of time to file its Reply to Plaintiff Caraway's Response, such that the due date for NCDPS's Reply is the same as the due date for NCDPS's Response to Plaintiff Caraway's dispositive motion, specifically, January 19, 2022.

13. Counsel for Plaintiff Caraway consents to the requested extension of time.

WHEREFORE, NCDPS seeks a six-day extension of its Reply deadline until through and including January 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, this 13th day of January, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date indicated above, I electronically filed the foregoing **NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CONSENT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO FILE REPLY BRIEF** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will provide electronic notification to counsel.

DATED: January 13, 2022.

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